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SUBJ: BIHAR CONGRESS CHIEF BARS PROGRAMS WITH CPI

1. AUGUST 14 ISSUE OF PATNA SEARCHLIGHT, JUST RECEIVED
HERE, REPORTS UNDER THREE COLUMN FRONT PAGE HEADLINE
THAT BIHAR CONGRESS PRESIDENT SITARAM KESRI HAS ISSUED
AN ORDER TO ALL DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEES FORBIDDING
THE USE OF CONGRESS FORUMS BY "OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES"
(I.E. THE CPI). STORY REPORTS KESRI SAID CONGRESS HAD
BITTER EXPERIENCES IN THE PAST WITH ASSOCIATED PARTIES
AND THERE HAD BEEN INSTANCES WHERE "CONGRESSMEN HAD
BEEN MISGUIDED". KESRI SAID CONGRESS HAS A SEPARATE
IDENTITY AND SHOULD WORK SEPARATELY. KESRI SAID HIS
ORDER ALSO FORBIDS BIHAR CONGRESSMEN FROM PARTICIPATING
IN PROGRAMS ORGANIZED BY OTHER PARTIES WITHOUT SPECIAL
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PERMISSION.

2. STORY SAYS KESRI, IN EXPLANATORY REMARKS, TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE ATTITUDE OF THE CPI DURING THE WORLD ANTI-FASCIST CONFERENCE HELD IN PATNA IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. HE SAID CPI HAD ADOPTED AN "ATTITUDE OF DIS-CRIMINATION" AGAINST CONGRESS AND HAD NOT ALLOWED ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN TE ANTI-FASCIST CONFERENCE.

3. SEARCHLIGHT STORY SAYS KESRI MADE CLEAR THAT HIS ORDER DOES NOT APPLY TO POSSIBLE ELECTORAL ALLIANCES WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE IN FUTURE.
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